

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐ no ☐

Property Name: Potomac Village Historic District Inventory Number: M:29-8  
Address: River Road and Falls Road City: Potomac Zip Code: 20854  
County: Montgomery USGS Topographic Map: Rockville  
Owner: multiple owners Is the property being evaluated a district? X yes  
Tax Parcel Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Map Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Account ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Project: MO871A21 Agency: SHA  
Site visit by MHT staff: X no \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Is the property located within a historic district \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
NR-listed district \_\_\_\_\_ yes Eligible district \_\_\_\_\_ yes Name of District: \_\_\_\_\_  
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context \_\_\_\_\_ yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible \_\_\_\_\_ yes X no

Criteria: \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_ D Considerations: \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_ G \_\_\_\_\_ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in \_\_\_\_\_ Compliance files

**Description of Property and Eligibility Determination** (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

Potomac Village is located at the intersection of River and Falls Roads ( MD 189 and MD 190) in Montgomery County. It is identified on the Hopkin's 1879 Atlas of Montgomery County as Offutt's Crossroads and was associated with Edward Offutt, a Scot who was granted a 600-acre "Clewerwell" land grant by Lord Baltimore in 1714. Offutt eventually owned 3000 acres in the area. In 1879, William Offutt lived at the northeast corner of River and Falls Road and operated a general store and post office. According to the 1880 census, the area around Offutt's Crossroads was home to about 125 people. In the 18th century, Offutt's Crossroad was a small rural community that served planters and travelers. By the 19th century a number of small dwellings had been constructed and a tavern was established by 1820. By the Civil war, Offutt's Crossroads contained two general stores and a blacksmith's shop and by 1875, a post office opened to serve the community of 100.

In 1881, Offutt's Crossroads was officially changed to Potomac by the area's first congressman, Captain John McDonald, an Irishman who had served in the Civil War and the frontier cavalry, made his home in the area at about that time. He petitioned to change the name to "Potomac" since the postal officials were asking for brief names different from nearby offices and the County had several other "crossroads" communities. (McDonald, was a Republican who was elected to the House of Delegates in 1881 and then to the U.S. Congress in 1897.)

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

Eligibility recommended ~~X~~ Eligible 3/6/03 Eligibility not recommended X  
Criteria: \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_ D Considerations: \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_ G \_\_\_\_\_ None  
MHT Comments

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Service

Reviewer, NR Program

Date

Date

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The area around Potomac experienced rapid growth and many new homes were built along River Road east and west of Falls Road. One of the leaders in the new construction was Edgar Perry, son of Thomas Perry who operated Perry Store. In 1897, Edgar Perry described as a "enterprising Merchant" purchased 11 acres along the eastern section river road and constructed a house on a one acre lot at the intersection of River and Falls Roads. The remain land was divided into building lots. His home was described as "one of the best and most substantial in that part of Montgomery County". Potomac experienced more residential growth in the 1920's and 1930's along the northern section of Falls Road on land developed by Cora Ball ( brother of Edgar Perry) and her husband John who divided the property in 1/2 to 1 acre lots. By the mid to late 20th century suburban and commercial development has grown and eroded the rural quality of Potomac.

The original MIHP form for Potomac Village was completed in the 1970's. The MIHP form indicated four basics styles are represented in the community and include the Victorian farmhouse, the Formstone, the early 20th C. Maryland hipped-roof, and Bungalow. The MIHP form also specifically mentions three notable structures: The Perry Store, (M:28-2), the Edgar Perry's residence (M:28-1) and the Dr. Willett's farmhouse( M: 28-9).  
29-8-1 29-8-2

The Perry Store, located at 10211 River Road, was built c. 1880 by Thomas Perry. It is the oldest remaining commercial structure in Potomac and is located in the northwest corner of the crossroads. The Perry family operated a general store for 48 years at this location. This 2-story brick structure was moved 22 feet to allow for the widening of Falls Road in the 1980s. It now houses the Chevy Chase bank. (See MIHP form for M:28-9-2)  
29-8-2

The Edgar Perry House is located at 10200 River Road in the southwest corner of the crossroad. It was built by Edgar Perry, the son of Thomas Perry, in 1902. This 3 bay, 2 1/2 story structure was constructed of hand formed concrete blocks which feature a rough finish. It has a full-width front porch and a cross-gabled roof with semi-circular windows in the gable, and a cupola. (See MIHP form for M:28-9-1)  
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The Dr. Williets farmhouse is located at 10029 Gable Manor Court (formerly 10101 Falls Road). Although restored, it now incorporated in a modern residential development and surrounded by large mulit-family housing. (See MIHP form for M:29-9)

Two other individual historic properties are individually identified within the boundaries of Potomac Village are the Case Brother House (M:29-21), located at 9800 River Road and the Charles S. Case House (M: 29-21-2) located at 9595 Persimmon Tree Road. These two properties were constructed on the Case family farm in 1912 and 1915 respectively. They are similar in style and are both 2 1/2 story formstone residences.

The remaining previously identified individual historic properties located within the Potomac Village Historic District include the Anson House (M:29-8-3), 10217 River Road, and the Dr. Wm. Pratt House(M:29-8-4), 10266 River Road, have both been demolished.

A map was included with the MIHP survey that shows 23 building that date from 1880-1940. At the time of the survey it was noted that the community still retains many of its unifying and attractive architectural features even though some of the buildings have been demolished. New development including shopping centers, large office buildings and a church (c. 1961)

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Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility not recommended \_\_\_\_\_

Criteria: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D Considerations: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D \_\_\_ E \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ G \_\_\_ None

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Service

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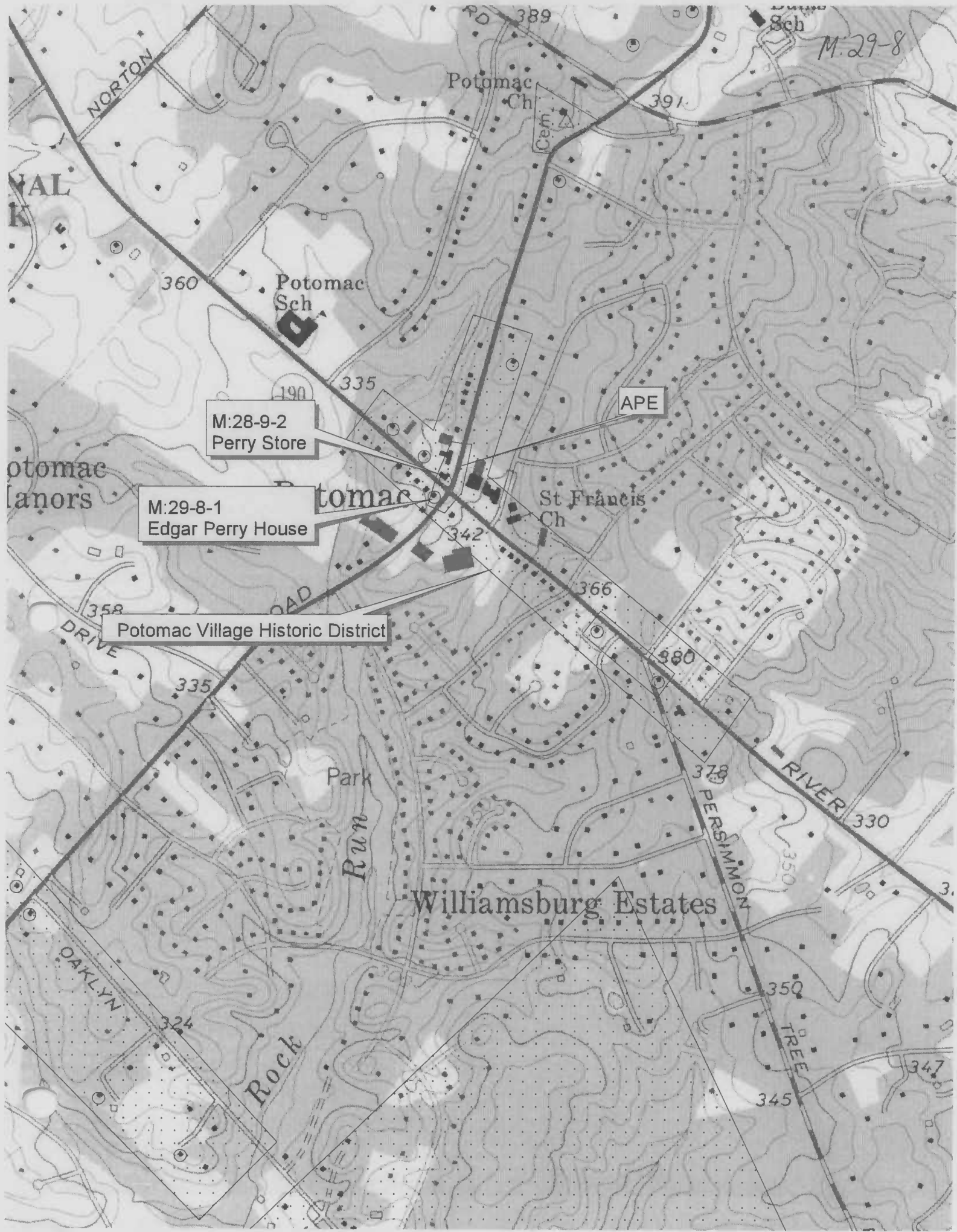
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were noted.

A review of Potomac Village revealed that new commercial and residential development has continued to be built since the 1979 survey. More new shopping centers, gas stations and commercial businesses have been built, destroying the historic character of Potomac. Five of the historic structures included on the original map have been demolished and most of the remaining structure have been converted to commercial use. Therefore, Potomac Village is no longer considered eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

Prepared by: Liz Buxton

Date Prepared: 01/13/2003



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M:28-9-2  
Perry Store

M:29-8-1  
Edgar Perry House

Potomac Village Historic District

Williamsburg Estates



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Potomac Village Historic District

View of Falls Road looking North toward River Rd

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Looking North



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Potomac Village Historic District

View of Falls Road looking South from River Rd  
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Looking South





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SE corner of Falls and River Road

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M 29-9 Dr. Mitchell's House in

Potomac Village H.D. (10029 Falls Rd)

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Dr Willett's House (Potomac Village)

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Potomac Village H.D.

10020 + 10030 Falls Rd

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Looking West



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Potomac Village Historic District

SE Corner of River and Fall Rd

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Looking South





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Potomac Village Historic District  
View of Falls Road looking North

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Potomac Village Historic District

View of Falls Road at River Road (Looking South)

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Perry Store

9900 Falls Rd.

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Looking East



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Perry Store in Potomac Village H.D.  
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9910 River Road

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Looking South

View from 1702 20th St. SW



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Case Brothers House

9800 River Road

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Cole Brothers House

9800 River Road

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- 1961 Episcopal Church (St Francis)

10033 River Road

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Looking North



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Looking South



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Potomac Village Historic District

River Road view of Potomac Place Shopping  
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Looking SW toward Falls Rd Intersection



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River Road - looking west

Potomac Historic District  
Village

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Looking West down River Rd toward  
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10000 River Road

Looking SW



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Potomac Village Historic District

River Road View

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(Street scene along Fall Rd.)

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Looking South toward River Rd.



## ACHS SUMMARY FORM

M:29-8  
(date 5-12-80)

1. Name Potomac Village

2. Planning Area/Site Number 29/8

3. MNCPPC Atlas Reference Map 19  
D-54. Address Intersection of River Road and Falls Road, Potomac  
Potomac Village HD

## 5. Classification Summary

Category district  
Ownership private/public  
Public Acquisition NA  
Status occupied  
Accessible no/yes:restricted  
Present use private residences/commercial  
Previous Survey Recording M-NCPCC Federal State X County X Local       
(Title and date: Inventory of Historical Sites - 1976)

6. Date mid. 18th century

7. Original Owner multiple

## 8. Apparent Condition

a. Deteriorated to excellentc. Original siteb. Generally altered

9. Description Although some buildings at the crossroads have been demolished & replaced by newer structures, this community retains many of its unifying & attractive architectural features. With the exception of the actual crossroads, the atmosphere is of residential buildings similar in scale, materials, spacing and setback from the road. There are 4 basic styles represented here: frame Victorian farmhouses, early 20th century Maryland hipped roof dwellings, 1½ story bungalows, and grand houses constructed of locally hand-formed concrete formstone blocks. The crossroads is also united by the builder/developers who produced the structures, members of the Edgar Perry family. Notable buildings: Perry Store, Edgar Perry residence, Dr. Willett frame farmhouse.
10. Significance: The village of Potomac, now the center of an affluent commuter society, came into existence in the 18th c. as a small crossroads community serving planters and travelers. The name Offutt's Crossroads was early attached to the area, associated with Edward Offutt. By the early 19th c. a number of small dwellings had been constructed about the crossroads and the town's first commercial enterprise, a tavern, was established by 1820. By the Civil War the town contained two general stores and a blacksmith's shop. The discovery of gold in the area between Offutt's Crossroads and Great Falls brought mining companies and more settlers. By 1875, the Town of 100 received its first post office, housed in the newly constructed Offutt and Perry General Store. In 1880, the Town's name was officially changed to "Potomac". The last decade of the 19th c. saw rapid growth as new homes were built along River Road east and west of the intersection. One of the leaders in this new construction was Edgar Perry, son of Thomas Perry and inheritor of Perry's store. The next period of building came in the 1920's to 1930's, firmly establishing the residential character of Potomac.

Date researched Feb. 1979 Researcher: Mark Walston Arch.Desc.: Eileen McGuckian

12. Compiler Eileen McGuckian 13. Date Compiled 7/79

14. Designation  
Approval     

Acreage: approximately 50 acres

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Potomac Village

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER Intersection of River Road and Falls Road

CITY, TOWN

Potomac

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT  
☐ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE  
☒ COMMERCIAL  
☒ EDUCATIONAL  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT  
☐ GOVERNMENT  
☐ INDUSTRIAL  
☐ MILITARY  
☐ MUSEUM  
☐ PARK  
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Multiple owners

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County CourthouseLiber #: Multiple  
Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20850

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20855

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Although some buildings at the crossroads have been demolished and replaced by newer structures, this community retains many of its unifying and attractive architectural features. With the exception of the crossroads itself, the general atmosphere within the district is one of residential buildings similar in scale, materials, spacing, and setback from the road.

There are four basic styles represented here:

1. Victorian farmhouse: generally frame, 2½ story with fieldstone foundation, cross gable roof, interior chimney; 3 bays by 2 bays. Some covered with asbestos siding, but several retain German siding.
2. Formstone houses: grand in style and large in massing; hipped roof with dormers; projecting bay windows. Two formstone buildings feature corner quoins of rough-faced formstone blocks; the third is completely rough-faced.
3. Early 20th century Maryland hipped roof dwelling: frame, 3 bay by 3 bay; hipped roof, often with dormer; some stuccoed or pebbledashed; often have formstone foundation; 2½ stories and chimney.
4. Bungalow: 1½ story frame with gable roof; 3 bays by 3 or 4 bays; front porches.

The crossroads is also united by the builder/developers who produced the structures, members of the Edgar Perry family: Edgar Perry, his cousin Bernard Perry, and his grandson Anson Ball.

There are several notable structures within the district:

1. The Perry Store is the oldest remaining commercial building. Located at the northwest corner of the crossroads, this two-story brick structure is divided into a three bay by two bay store section and a two bay by three bay residential section. These two individual units share a common cornice line and roof. Features include stone foundation, chimneys, decorative front porch, and round-arched windows. Most windows are two-over-two double-hung; those on the first floor are flanked by shutters. There are several additions to the rear.

2. Edgar Perry's residence is across River Road from his store. This 2½ story building was constructed of locally hand-formed concrete formstone blocks, rough in finish. Its three bays by five bays are topped by a steep hipped roof capped by a cupola (not original). There are cross gables on all four elevations (each with semi-circular window), a large front porch, and a one-story bay window on the rear.

3. Dr. Willett's frame Victorian farmhouse is set back from the road. Its three bays by two bays is set on a fieldstone foundation and is topped by cross gable roofs with a central front gable. There is an abundance of gingerbread on the gable and front porch. The house is surrounded by lovely mature landscaping.

The majority of the new construction at the crossroads is brick, including shopping centers, large office buildings, and the Church.

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The village of Potomac, now the center of an affluent commuter society, came into existence in the 18th century as a small crossroads community serving planters and travelers who were then beginning to fill southwestern Montgomery County. By mid-century the population warranted the establishment of a church. This was the Captain John Presbyterian Church, erected on land owned by Edward Offutt and his wife Eleanor. Later in 1746, the Offutts donated the land to the church. According to legend, the name was a reference to Captain John Smith, who was credited with having explored the Potomac to the vicinity of Great Falls. The name, gradually corrupted to Cabin John, was afterward transferred to a stream valley just east of the fall line. Under the pastorship of Rev. James Hunt, who took charge in 1761, the church flourished, with an associated grammar school being later established.<sup>1</sup> The original church was abandoned and dismantled around 1838. The Potomac Methodist Church, a recent replacement of an 1858 structure, presently occupies its site.

The name "Offutt's Crossroads" was early attached to the area. By the first decades of the 19th century a number of small dwellings had been constructed about the crossroads, and around the year 1820 what appears to be the town's first commercial enterprise was established, a tavern stand operated by Kinsey Gittings.<sup>2</sup> The opening of the Seneca to Georgetown section of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal in 1831 brought an increase in traffic upon the River and Falls roads, added value to those lands in close proximity to the canal, and subsequently fostered the growth of the community. By the time of the Civil War, the town contained two general stores and a blacksmith's shop. Also, about this time, gold discovered in the area between Offutt's Crossroads and Great Falls, brought into the community a number of mining companies which would continue intermittent operations into the 20th century.<sup>3</sup>

By 1875, the Town of 100 received its first post office, housed in the newly constructed Offutt and Perry general store (situated on the northeast corner, the building has been replaced by a gas station). However, at the request of the Post Office Department for a more individual designation, the town name was officially changed to "Potomac" on May 17, 1880. According to postal officials, too many towns carried the "crossroads" appendage.<sup>4</sup> After the expiration of the partnership of Winfield Offutt and Thomas Perry, on May 1, 1880, Perry began his own general merchandising operation in a store (still standing) constructed that year across Falls Road from the Offutt store. The next year Perry's wife, Marian, was appointed postmistress, and the office moved into the new Perry store.<sup>5</sup>

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(continued on Attachment Sheet A)

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

See Attachment Sheet A

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approximately 50 acres**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Starting at the intersection of River Road and Falls Road, Potomac Village extends about 2,000 feet east, and 1,000 feet west on River Road, and 2,000 feet north, and 500 feet south on Falls Road.  
(See Map, Attachment B)

**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Mark Walston

Arch. Description: Eileen McGuckian

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

February 1979

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

## Potomac Village

The last decade of the 19th century saw rapid growth as new homes were built along River Road east and west of the intersection. One of the driving forces behind this new construction was Edgar Perry, son of Thomas Perry and inheritor of Perry's store. In 1897, Edgar Perry, described by a contemporary as "an enterprising merchant", purchased an 11 acre tract of land running along the eastern section of River Road, had a house constructed upon a one acre section thereof (9000 River Road) and divided the remainder into convenient building lots. His own house, constructed in 1900-1901 (currently the Maryland National Bank office) was described in 1919 as "one of the best and most substantial in that part of Montgomery County".<sup>6</sup>

The next great period of house building came in the 1920's and 1930's, this time concentrated along the northern section of Falls Road. These houses were constructed upon land devised to Cora Ball by her mother, Marian Perry. Beginning in 1920, Cora Ball and her husband John Ball, partitioned the property into  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 acre lots, with an eye towards residential development. Again, Edgar Perry, the brother of Cora Ball, had a hand in this new construction.

During those first decades of the 20th century the residential character of Potomac had been firmly established. In more recent years, the rural nature of the countryside surrounding the village has given way to extensive suburban developments. Commercial development of the crossroads area has kept pace. Yet vestiges of the past are sufficiently visible to give the passerby some idea of the earlier neighborhood.

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>					
COMMON:					
Potomac Village					
AND/OR HISTORIC:					
Offutts Cross Roads					
<b>2. LOCATION</b>					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
River Road and Falls Road					
CITY OR TOWN:					
Potomac					
STATE:			COUNTY:		
Maryland			Montgomery		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District	<input type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private		<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	
<input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress			
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious			
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific			
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>					
OWNER'S NAME:					
Various private owners					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:					
STATE:					
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:					
Montgomery County Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		
Rockville			Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):					
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>					
TITLE OF SURVEY:					
None					
DATE OF SURVEY:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:					
STATE:					

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The crossroads community has been destroyed east of Falls Road.

West of Falls Road, a number of frame commercial buildings still stand. They are late nineteenth and early twentieth century structures. Several are one story, but most are two, with projecting gables and bays on the facades.

There is one double brick building. It is two stories with a shed roof and bracketed cornice. The north store is two bays, the south, three bays; the north has segmentally arched door and window heads, and the south flat arches. A single one story porch extends across the facades of both units.

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**B. SIGNIFICANCE****PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |  |

**SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)****AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- |   |   |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   |   |  |  |

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Christopher Owens, Sr., Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

5 Mar 75

STREET AND NUMBER:

8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

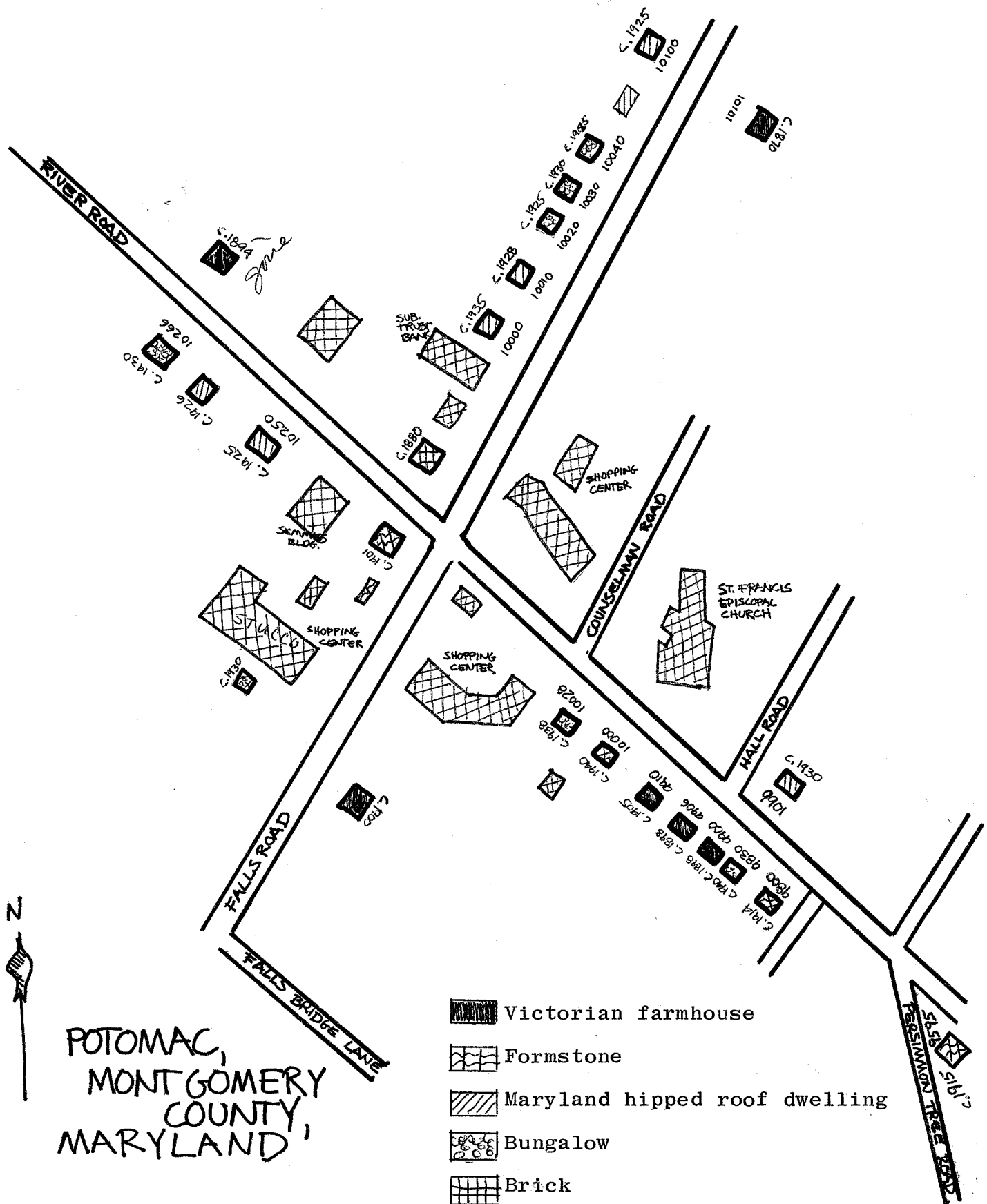
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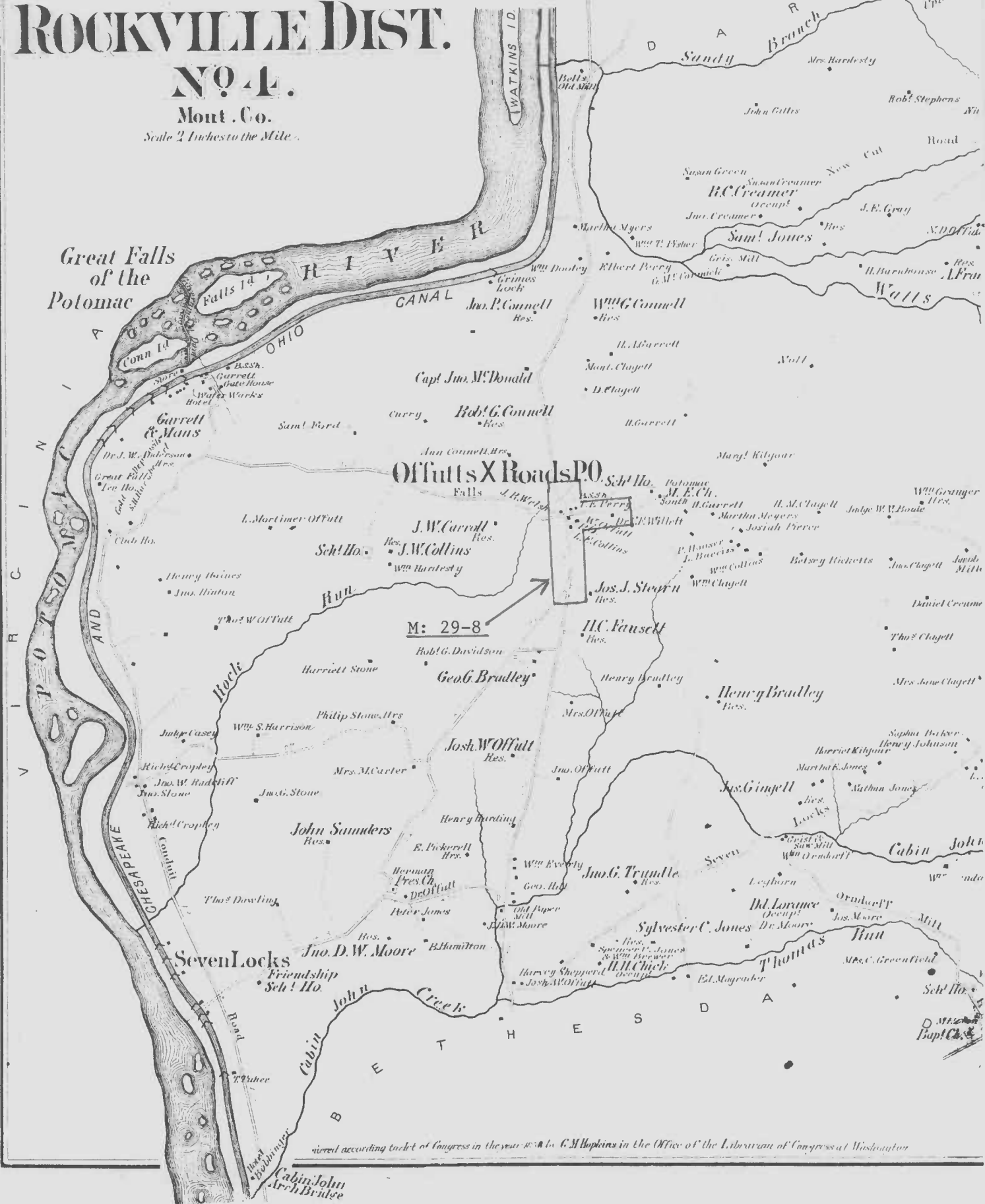
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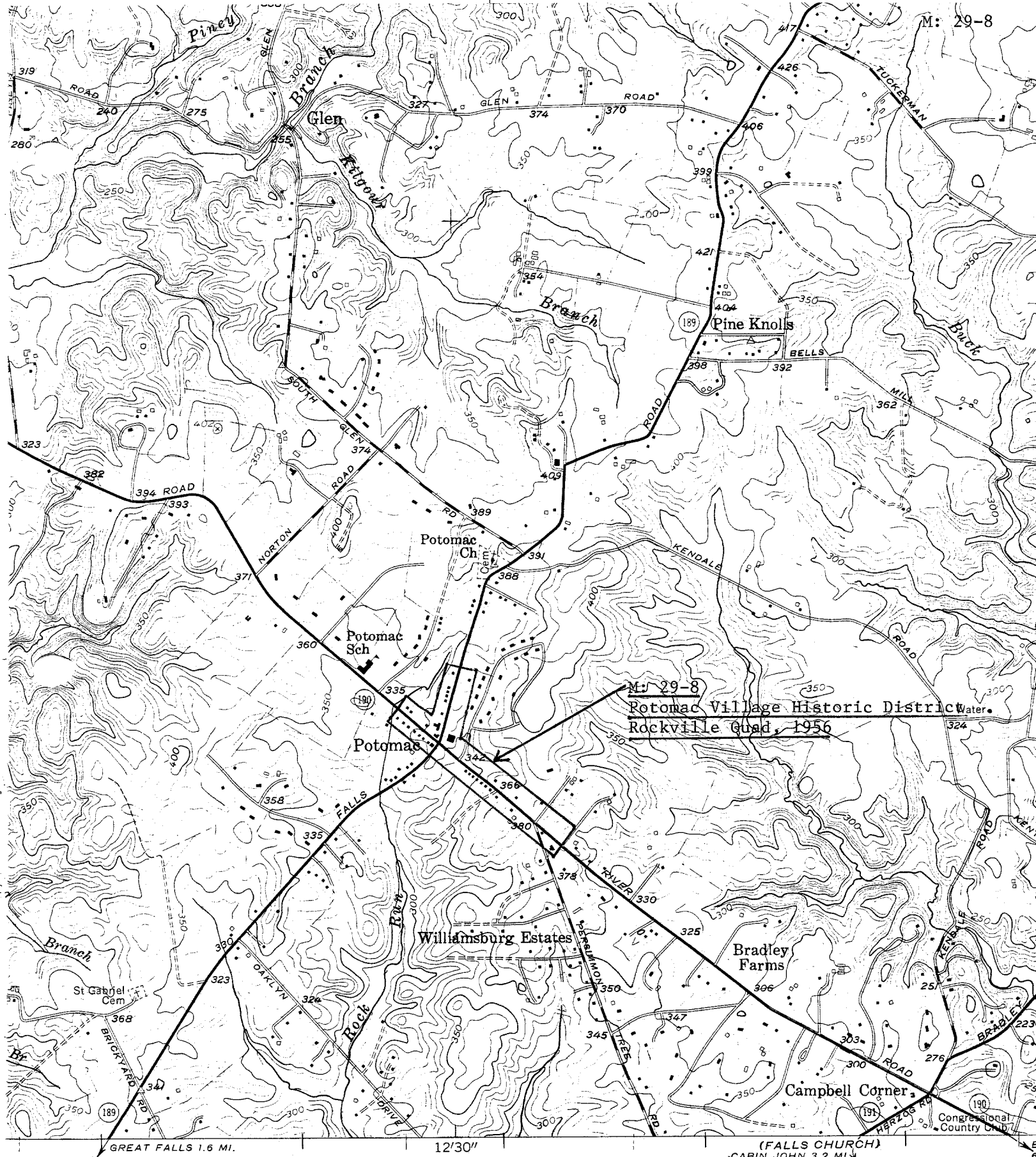
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Great Falls  
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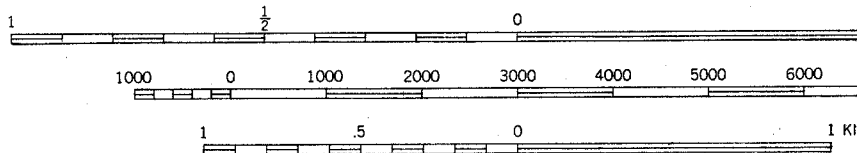
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Potomac Village

looking east on River Road  
from Conselman Rd





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Potomac Village

looking west on River Rd. from  
Counselman Rd.

Judy Christensen

Feb 1987



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Pohm Mac Village

Falls Road Streetscape

Looking NORTH From near 9800

Falls Road

Judy Christensen

Feb. 1989



Mi 27/8

Potomac Village

Potomac Promenade Shopping Center

West side of Falls Road

9812 Falls Road

Judy CHRISTENSEN

Feb. 1989



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Potomac Village

Falls Road Streetscape looking North  
from 9900 Block

Southern Bank - 10000 Falls Road

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Potomac Village

9830 River Road Built c. 1940

North (front) . . . elevation

Judy CHRISTENSEN

Feb. 1989



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Potomac Village

9901 River Road

c. 1935

South (Front) and West elev.

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# Potomac Village

9906 River Road c. 1898

Francis's Advice

North (front) and east elev.

Judy Christensen

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Potomac Village

River Road Streetscape looking west  
9906, 9910, 10022 River Road

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Potomac Village

9910 River Road c. 1905

Potomac Almanac

North (front) and east elev.

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Potomac Village - River Road

9912 (rear building) River Road (rear)

9910 - Potomac Almanac Building c. 1905

NORTH (front) and west elevation.

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Potomac Village

Dunham Garage.

9916 Falls Road Built 1940s

South and East (front) elevations

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Dunham's  
AUTOMOTIVE INC.

Bicycles

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DUNHAM'S GARAGE.

9916 Falls Road Built 1940's

EAST (Front) Elevation

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Potomac Village

10006 Falls Road Built. c. 1935

EAST (Front) and NORTH Facades

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Potomac Village

10010 Falls Road built c. 1928

EAST (Front) and NORTH ELEVATIONS

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Potomac Village

10020 Falls Road Built c. 1925

South and east (Front) elevations

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10020 Falls Road Built c. 1925

10030 Falls Road Built c. 1930

EAST (Front) and south elevation

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Potomac Village

(rear pldg)

10022 River Road - Potomac

Animal Hospital Post 1950

10000 River Road Built c. 1940

NORTH (Front) and West elevations

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Palmac Village

10028 River Road Built c. 1938

NORTH (Front) elevation

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Potomac Village

10040 Falls Road Built. c. 1925

East (Front) Elevation

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Potomac Village

10100 Falls Road Built c. 1925

North and EAST (FRONT) FACADES

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Feb. 1989





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Potomac Village

10100 Falls Rd. Built c. 1925  
in Fore ground

Falls road streetscape looking South

Judy CHRISTENSEN

Feb. 1989



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Pohmac Village

10250 River Road      c. 1920

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North (Front) and West. elev.

J. Christensen      Feb. 1989



NAME POTOMAC, MD. RIVER RD M: # 29-8  
LOCATION HOUSES SW OF X-RDS. OPPOSITE HALL RD. ON  
FACADE NE RIVER RD.  
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M. DWYER



NAME M# 29-8 POTOMAC VILLAGE - OLDER HOUSES

LOCATION W SIDE RIVER RD N OF FALLS RD POTOMAC, MD

FACADE SE

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